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## **MONTANA MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

BILLINGS – Bart Holt, a 47-year-old resident of Missoula, was sentenced today to a term of 120 months in federal prison in connection with his guilty plea to coercion and enticement of a minor and possession of child pornography. Holt was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$200, forfeit his computer equipment, web cam and cell phone, and will be under supervision for 15 years.

In an Offer of Proof filed by the United States, the government stated it would have proved at trial the following:

An FBI agent was working undercover in an Internet chat room posing as a girl under the age of sixteen. In December of 2004, the agent was contacted by Holt.

Holt, a podiatrist in Missoula, engaged the “girl” in almost immediate discussions of her young age and sexual matters. Holt and the “girl” engaged in a number of conversations over the next several months. Holt posed as a 19-year-old college student and did not disclose his true age.

Holt made repeated references to the fact that he would be in trouble and get arrested should he and the “girl” have sex as he wanted to.

However, in June of 2005, Holt disclosed that he was forty-six and a doctor in Missoula. During some of the conversations, Holt would webcam the “girl” footage of himself masturbating.

In July of 2005, Holt made arrangements to meet the “girl” in Billings to have sex with her. Holt repeatedly noted that he would go to jail due to the “girl’s” young age and his concern that he would be caught and arrested when they had sex.

On August 1, 2005, Holt traveled from Missoula to Billings to meet with the “girl” for sex. When Holt arrived at the meet site, he attempted to flee but was apprehended.

A subsequent computer analysis of Holt’s computer revealed numerous images of child pornography that he had received via the Internet. Holt also admitted that he had engaged in similar conversations with another girl in Great Falls, also using his webcam to transmit sexually explicit images of himself to her. Law enforcement officers found the girl in Great Falls, who confirmed Holt’s account. The girl in Great Falls was fourteen years old at the time.

Because there is no parole in the federal system, the “truth in sentencing” guidelines mandate that Holt will likely serve **all** of the time imposed by the court. In the federal system, Holt does have the opportunity to earn a sentence reduction for “good behavior.” However, this reduction will not exceed 15% of the overall sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Marcia K. Hurd prosecuted the case.

“This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys’ Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).”

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